Export of Basmati Rice to Gulf Countries

352. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation has entered into a deal for export of Basmati rice to the Gulf countries;

(b) if so, what is the per kg. price at which the deal has been made;

(c) what is the price per kg. the consumers in India are paying for this quality of Basmati rice; and

(d) if it is available to the consumers in India at a higher rate, what are the reasons for entering into such a deal?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) and (b) State Trading Corporation of India, has concluded contracts for export of Basmati Rice to Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman taking into account the ruling international price.

(c) The retail prices for Basmati rice vary in the country from market to market and according to the quality.

(d) Basmati rice is not an item of mass consumption but is consumed by the relatively affluent sections of the society in the country.

Killings in Chittaranjan Park, South Delhi

353. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the terrorist menace is increasing in Delhi/New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that in a recent incident in Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi, the police could not save the President of the Kali Puja Samiti of that locality by providing sufficient security arrangements in that area even after having received a warning in this behalf in advance; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take against the guilty police officers concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Adequate arrangements had been made to cover the various functions in Chittaranjan Park scheduled for the 21st and 22nd October, 1987. However, the terrorists struck a day in advance. The President of the Kali Puja Samiti fell victim in the attack by the terrorists in the vicinity of his residence and not at the venue of the Kali Puja function.

(c) Does not arise.

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354. SHRI F. M. KHAN:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed/injured by terrorists at Chittaranjan Park in South Delhi recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that the local police force is not fully equipped to protect the lives of the citizens of the locality;

(c) whether Government have reviewed the law and order situation in the Capital;

(d) if so, what action has been taken on the basis thereof; and

(e) what amount of compensation has so far been given by Government to the next of kin of the deceased or to the injured?